



GOD'S BLESSING FOR TODAY

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Part I

God's Blessing Explained

1. WHAT IS IT?

A further out-pouring of God's Spirit, more anointing, refreshing, release, power, reality of the presence of God.

2. IS IT SCRIPTURAL?

Refreshing (Acts 3:19)

Weeping (Ezra 10:1)

Trembling/shaking (Psalm 119:120)

Worship, trembling (Psalm 2:11)

Trembling (1 Corinthians 2:3)

Drunk/trance-like (Acts 2:13)

Convulsions (Mark 1:25-26)

Laughter (Psalm 2:4)

Statements people make:

If it was God:

I would understand (Matthew 21:21)

I wouldn't be afraid (John 18:6)

There would be no division (Luke 12:51-53)

He would never force anything upon me (Job 2:6-7; Acts 9:3-5)

He would not do it publicly (Acts 2:1-12)

3. WHERE DID IT ORIGINATE?

God began to pour out His Spirit in a new way in various parts of the world.

4. HOW DO WE GET IT?

"Do you want more of God?"

To Receive

- (a) Tune out.
- (b) Let go of control.
- (c) Stop being a spectator.
- (d) Yield to the feelings.
- (e) Be thankful to God

5. IS IT FOR THE CHURCH?

Churches are being renewed and revitalised.

“And the revival that began in 1994 shows no signs of waning.”

6. CAN WE EXPECT CHANGES?

It is a life-changing experience.

- (a) A prevailing sense of joy.
- (b) An intensified love for Jesus.
- (c) Healing physically and emotionally.
- (d) Discernment in areas of service and empowering.
- (e) Backslidden Christians renewing their commitment.
- (f) Bringing to salvation.
- (g) Setting the oppressed free.
- (h) He will give us fresh visions and messages of prophecy.

7. INTIMACY WITH GOD

As never before the desire to worship God is foremost.

Intimacy is based on humility, vulnerability and trust.

8. WHAT ABOUT MUSIC?

With this new move of the Holy Spirit has come a deeper sense of worship.

9. ONGOING RESULTS

Steps to follow:

- (a) Know the relative Scriptures and be able to quote them.
- (b) Today we need the fire of God.
- (c) Be aware of apathy and ignorance.
- (d) We need to care and be informed.
- (e) Cultivate daily intimacy with God.
- (f) Intercessory prayer.
- (g) Be willing to pay the price.
- (h) Keep our minds active. Use discernment. Study the Scripture. Don't stop thinking and talking about what is happening.
- (i) Stay humble. It is not a one-man ministry. One person is no more spiritual than another person God is touching.
- (j) Stay honest.
- (k) Believe what is happening and witness to it.
- (l) Pass on the blessing. God blesses for a purpose. Use the blessing you have been given to bless others.

Summary:

Make ourselves available.

Be willing to do anything the Lord tells us to do.

Cultivate humility.

MINISTRY - PRACTICAL

- 1. Commitment:
 - Rededication to Jesus Christ.
 - Infilling - baptism with the Holy Spirit.
 - Anointing - for gifts, especially prophecy.
- 2. Needs for Ministry:
 - First to be clean vessels.
 - Spirit of fear - blockages.

Self-control - let go.
Pride - humility.
Unbelief - Word of God.

Expect to:

Know permanent joy.
Have more love for Jesus.
Have healing, body, mind and spirit.
Be empowered for service.
Have renewal of commitment.
Be released from spirits.

Part II

Receive and Minister God's Blessing

HOW TO RECEIVE

The blessing from God must first be received before it can be passed on.

Those who find it difficult to receive need help and encouragement.

Points to consider:

1. Receive by faith - it is a gift from God.
(1 Corinthians 12:7)
2. Fear will prevent receiving. Blocks freedom to receive the anointing.

Self-control

Let go of usual control. The Holy Spirit will anoint.

Shell around the heart

Only the Holy Spirit can change heart attitudes.

Humble

Be prepared to be like a little child with trust and simplicity.

Deception

Satan will bring fear of deception. It is not of God.

Repent

Turn away from all hindrances and be willing to be vulnerable.

1. Tune out the things going on around you and focus on your hunger for more of God in your own life.
2. Let go a measure of control so that you will be more pliable in God's hands.
3. Stop being a spectator and determine to join in.
4. Yield to the feelings that you sense within you.
5. Be thankful to God regardless of what happens.

Part III

How to Minister to Others

MINISTERING TO OTHERS

1. Primary Role.
2. Laying on of hands.
3. Catchers
4. Prayer
5. Prophecy
6. Badge

QUALITIES OF A COUNSELLOR

1. Born again (John 3:3; Romans 6:23)
2. Spirit-filled (Ephesians 5:18)
3. Exercising the gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12)
4. Manifesting the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-25)
5. Considering the way Jesus "walked". (John 2:25; Samuel 16:7)
6. Willing to receive ministry as well as give it. (Proverbs 3:11; 12:1; 13:1; 15:32)
7. Well-versed in the Scriptures. (1 Timothy 4:6-7; 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16)
8. Active member of a local church (Hebrews 10:25; Romans 12:4-5)
9. Denominationally neutral in ministry (1 Corinthians 3:3-11)
10. One hundred per cent committed, ready for anything, wholly available to the Lord. (Hebrews 12:1-2; 2 Timothy 2:3-6; Romans 12:1)
11. Obedient to the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:2)
12. Walking in forgiveness as a lifestyle (Matthew 6:14-15)
13. A person of prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Romans 8:26-27; Ephesians 6:18)
14. KNOW who you are in Christ (Romans 8:1; 1 John 4:4; Ephesians 1:19-20)
15. Trust the Holy Spirit for the anointing for the task at hand (2 Timothy 1:6-7)
16. Always show compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; and bearing with one another.

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